

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph extending from column 2, line 61, to column 3, line 10 as follows:

The polymethylmethacrylate (PMMA) matrix utilized in the present composition is prepared prior to the addition of the particles. The matrix is prepared by mixing a PMMA syrup which contains about 25% of PMMA solids with excess MMA monomer. PMMA syrup is prepared from standard MMA which is subjected to a conventional partial polymerization process as exemplified in U.S. Pat. No. **[4,152,501]** 4,159,301, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. The MMA monomer is added to the syrup in a ratio of about 1:1 to about 1:5 and preferably about 1:3 (syrup:monomer). The MMA monomer may contain small amounts, specifically less than about 5%, of other comonomers, such as butyl acrylate and ethylene glycol dimethacrylate. The MMA monomer may further comprise additives such as initiators, e.g., organic peroxides; chain transfer agents, e.g., dodecylmercaptan; and colorants, e.g., titanium dioxide and carbon black.